

E. Selection Criteria/Ranking Factors and Final Selection.

1. *General.* Complete applications received from eligible applicants by February 3, 1999 will be rated and scored by HUD.

4. On page 65490, in column 1, the final full paragraph in that column (captioned "Note") is corrected to read as follows:

Note: These standards will be used as benchmarks in judging program performance, but will not be the sole basis for determining whether the applicant is ineligible for a grant due to a lack of capacity to carry out the proposed project or program. Any applicant that fails to meet the percentages specified above may wish to provide updated data to HUD, either in conjunction with the application submission or under separate cover, but in no case will data received by HUD after February 3, 1999 be accepted, unless specifically requested by HUD.

5. On page 65497, in columns 2 and 3, Section II.B. (captioned "Submitting Applications") is corrected to read as follows:

B. Submitting Applications. A final application must be submitted to HUD no later than February 3, 1999. A final application includes an original and two photocopies. Final applications may be mailed, and if they are received after the deadline, must be postmarked no later than midnight, February 3, 1999. If an application is hand-delivered to the New York or Buffalo Offices, the application must be delivered by 4:00 p.m. on the application deadline date. Applicants in the counties of Sullivan, Ulster, Putnam, and in nonparticipating jurisdictions in the urban counties of Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk should submit applications to the New York Office. All other nonentitled communities in New York State should submit their applications to the Buffalo Office. Applications must be submitted to the HUD office at the addresses listed above in section II.A.

The above-stated application deadline is firm as to *date* and *hour*. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, HUD will treat as *ineligible for consideration* any application that is not received on, or postmarked by February 3, 1999. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

6. On page 65498, in column 1, Section II.C.2. (captioned "Streamlined Application Requirements for Certain Applicants") is corrected to read as follows:

2. Streamlined Application Requirements for Certain Applicants

Single Purpose applications submitted under the FY 1997/98 NOFA but not selected for funding will be reactivated for consideration under this NOFA, if the applicant notifies HUD in writing by February 3, 1999 that the applicant wishes the prior application to be considered in this competition. Applications which are reactivated may be updated, amended or supplemented by the applicant provided that such amendment or supplementation is received no later than the due date for applications under this NOFA. If there is no significant change in the application involving new activities or alteration of proposed activities that will significantly change the scope, location or objectives of the proposed activities or beneficiaries, there will be no further citizen participation requirement to keep the application active for a succeeding round or competition.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4369-N-12]

Announcement of OMB Approval Number for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of OMB Approval Number.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce the OMB approval number for the collection of information pertaining to the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Kolesar, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2470. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice advises that OMB has responded to the Department's request for approval of the information collection pertaining to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The OMB approval number for

this information collection is 2506-0013, which expires on November 30, 2001.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

John M. Simmons,

Acting Director for Office of Executive Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Intent to Issue a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment for Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, San Acacia, New Mexico**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared a draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and associated Environmental Assessment for the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, San Acacia, New Mexico pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and its implementing regulations.

If the draft CCP is approved, various management objectives, strategies, and actions will be adopted inclusive of the following:

- Continue implementation of Mexican wolf captive propagation program on Refuge, and ensure continued operation within all regulations, protocols, and safety guidelines.
- Preserve Refuge habitat diversity and important habitat for threatened and endangered species by preserving and restoring habitats to their natural condition.
- Maintain a viable population of Silvery minnows on the Refuge's stretch of the Rio Grande river.
- Evaluate Refuge grasslands potential as an introduction site for the endangered northern Aplomado falcon.
- Protect threatened and endangered species on Refuge and adjacent properties through outreach, educational activities and effective enforcement of fish and wildlife laws.